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(U) Milpitas—Chinese Curb Cyberattacks on US Interests, Report Finds

(U) A detailed study of Chinese hacking has found a sharp drop-off in almost daily raids on Silicon Valley firms, military contractors and other commercial targets, nine months after President Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed to a broad crackdown on cyberespionage. The study, conducted by the iSight intelligence unit of FireEye, concluded that the change is part of Xi's broad effort to bring the Chinese military, which is considered one of the main sponsors of the attacks, further under his control. SOURCE: 20 June 2016, [New York Times](#)

(U) San Francisco—SF Tightens Pride Security Following Orlando Shooting

(U) San Francisco public safety officials are taking no chances with this weekend's Pride celebration, placing walk-through metal detectors and handheld wands at all entry points to the event in Civic Center Plaza. People attending the two-day event also will not be permitted to bring in bags bigger than 18 by 18 inches, city officials said on 20 June, and bags will be searched. Officials also said that there will be a larger-than-usual police presence and a contingent of undercover officers that will patrol the parade routes and LGBT clubs.

SOURCE: 21 June 2016, [SF Gate](#)

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(U) District of Columbia—Experimental Zika Vaccine to Begin Human Testing

(U) Washington—An experimental vaccine for the Zika virus is due to begin human testing in coming weeks, after receiving clearance from the Food and Drug Administration to begin early-stage safety tests of its DNA-based vaccine against the mosquito-borne virus. Inovio Pharmaceuticals and its partner, GeneOne Life Science, plan to begin a 40-person study to determine the safest dose of the vaccine in coming weeks. Company officials said they expect results from the vaccine study by the end of 2016.

SOURCE: 20 June 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Nevada—Man Who Attempted to Grab Police Gun at Rally 'Plotted Assassination'

(U) Las Vegas—The man arrested for trying to disarm a police officer inside a Donald Trump rally in Las Vegas on 18 June told authorities he intended to use the gun "to kill Trump," according to a new criminal complaint. The 19-year-old Briton, who was in the country illegally, his visa having been expired, had been living in his car for a month in California before driving to Las Vegas for the political rally. The Secret Service says it has charged the man with violating two federal laws following the incident, and could face up to a decade in prison if convicted.

SOURCE: 21 June 2016, [CNN](#)

(U) New York—Russian Ringleader Pleads Guilty in StubHub Ticket Cybertheft Case

(U) New York—A Russian ringleader of a group that fraudulently bought tickets in music, sports and theater by sneaking into StubHub users' accounts pleaded guilty on 20 June in a scheme involving over \$1 million worth of tickets. Vadim Polyakov admitted coordinating a global network of hackers, identity

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thieves and money launderers that took over StubHub accounts, used the unsuspecting account-holders' credit card information to buy sought-after seats and resold them to pocket the money. Polyakov, who was extradited from Spain last year, is expected to get a 4-to-12-year prison term. SOURCE: 20 June 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan—Taliban Attack Buses in Helmand Province, Abduct 60 People**

(U) Kandahar—The Taliban today ambushed a series of buses and cars in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, forcing people out of the vehicles and abducting around 60 passengers, an Afghan official said. The insurgents forced the buses and cars to stop at gunpoint on a main highway, taking the abducted passengers to an unknown location. The Taliban later said they released all but 27.

SOURCE: 21 June 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Iraq—About 2,500 ISIL Militants Killed in Fallujah, Says Iraqi Commander

(U) Fallujah—Iraq's government forces today dislodged the ISIL group from two northern neighborhoods of Fallujah as an Iraqi military commander claimed the month-long offensive to recapture the city had left 2,500 ISIL militants dead. On 17 June, Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi declared victory after special forces entered the city center, capturing government buildings and the central hospital. The UN refugee agency also said today that more than 85,000 people have fled Fallujah and the surrounding area since the offensive began.

SOURCE: 21 June 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Syria—ISIL Launches Counter-Attacks on US-Backed Forces, Syrian Army

(U) Amman—The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) launched a counter-attack against fighters trying to capture the Syrian city of Manbij on 20 June, inflicting heavy casualties on the US-backed forces, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the militants said. The monitor said the militants won back three villages south of the besieged city in a surprise assault against fighters from the US-backed Syria Democratic Forces, killing at least 28 SDF fighters. An SDF spokesman said forces succeeded in repulsing the militant attack and remained positioned on the outskirts of the city.

SOURCE: 20 June 2016, [Reuters](#)

SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) District of Columbia—FBI Official Named Border Patrol Chief**

(U) Washington—A senior FBI official was named chief of the long-troubled US Border Patrol on 20 June in an effort to curb abuses, investigate corruption and improve discipline within the 21,000-member force. The appointment of Mark Morgan, who led the FBI training division, is the first outsider to lead the Border Patrol in its 92-year history.

SOURCE: 20 June 2016, [Los Angeles Times](#)

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